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Election turnout pegged at 60%

VOTERS Just under 60 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballot in the 38th general election for Nova Scotia yesterday, according to preliminary numbers available last night.

That figure is about the same voter turnout as the previous election when in 2006 voter turnout hit record lows. A little over 59 per cent of registered voters went to polling stations in the last provincial election, which was a six per cent decrease in voter turnout compared with the 2003 election. Elections Nova Scotia said they expected to have the official voter numbers for yesterday's election sometime today.

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New Moon

All this week, Metro Canada is giving you a look behind the scenes of **New Moon**, the newest film in the Twilight series:
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FRIDAY: Robert Pattinson weighs in on the Twilight phenomenon



NDP Leader Darrell Dexter celebrates his party's victory in last night's provincial election. The NDP won a majority with 31 seats, followed by the Liberals with 11 seats and the Conservatives with 10.

Sharp left turn

Historic moment as Nova Scotia elects majority NDP government

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The Tories meanwhile were decimated, falling from 21 seats to 10.

The Liberals can be happy about becoming official opposition, but could only pick up two seats to finish at 11.

The NDP won 15 of 18 HRM seats, but it was the 15 rural mainland victories that handed the party a strong majority.

"Even if somebody gets hit by a bus we're OK!" one excited NDP supporter said to a friend at the victory party.

Eight cabinet ministers went down to the NDP.

Five of them, plus independent Ernie Fage, lost by over 1,000 votes. Immigration Minister Len Goucher

By the numbers

Total seats

31 NDP

11 Liberals

10 Conservatives

Popular vote by percentage

NDP: 45.26

Liberal: 27.22

Conservatives: 24.52

Green: 2.33

also finished third behind Liberal Kelly Regan.

"Nova Scotians decided at this historic moment of

challenge it was time for an historic change," said Dexter in his victory speech. Though afterwards to reporters he admitted even he was caught off guard by the results.

"There were seats there that I guess I would say I wasn't certain of, but certainly it's a pleasant surprise," he said.

NDP chief of staff Dan O'Connor has been with the party since the mid-80s and has fought through seven provincial elections.

When asked what sparked the greatest result in the party's history he didn't hesitate to answer. "Darrel Dexter," he said. "Darrell Dexter personified what the NDP stood

for and he brought a leadership and an emphasis on how the party talks to people, where we put our strength, that made all the difference."

Like many NDP supporters, former federal party leader Alexa McDonough was optimistic heading into election day.

Nearly everyone predicted an NDP win with a chance at a majority, but few expected the victory to be so decisive.

"It was looking like a minority government was probably a certainty. But I hardly dared to hope for that majority until I really saw it coming in tonight," she said.

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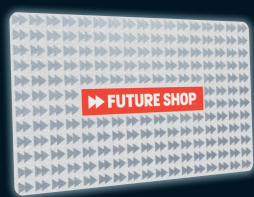


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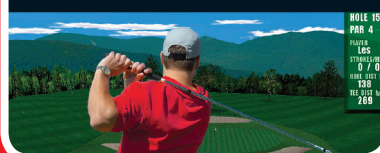


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Barn burns down in Hopedale

A fire Monday night destroyed a barn and at least one vehicle, and damaged a house in Hopedale, about eight kilometres south of Stellarton. There were no injuries to the two adults living at the property at 811 Marshdale Rd. The cause of the fire is under investigation. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

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Show off your acting talent

Neptune Theatre is on the lookout for talented Haligonians to star in its upcoming season. Under the direction of artistic director George Pothitos, left, Neptune is holding general auditions Sunday, June 28 from noon to 7 p.m. and Monday, June 29 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Janice Creelman at 429-7300 or e-mail info@neptunetheatre.com.

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Halifax gives Pride a boost

Festival getting more financial support from council

GEOFF DAVIES
for Metro Halifax



The Halifax Pride Festival has cause to celebrate after Halifax Regional Council approved the event for hallmark status earlier this month.

The nod is in recognition of the festival's cultural and economic contributions to Halifax, and it comes with a \$25,000 cheque to support the event.

"In addition to the financial support, which is very welcome, I think the most important aspect really is the validation of our community," said Halifax Pride chair Hugo Dann. "That is the overwhelming tone of the response I've been receiving."

"I would say it's been a long time coming, but this is the first year that we've aggressively pursued Hallmark status," Dann added. "Our message (to city council) was that we have tons of potential, that we keep

growing by leaps and bounds, and we actually need public support. And we need the feel of approval that hallmark-status gives us."

Dann said the event organizers will "breathe a little easier" now that the festival has earned hallmark status, but it will still be business as usual during the Pride Festival, which will run from July 18 to 26. A highlight for the event is the parade in downtown Halifax on Saturday, July 25.

According to a press release from the organizers, the festival first started in 1988 is expected to bring an estimated 75,000 people and \$2 million to the city.

"We have had some challenges in getting the big over-the-title sponsors... and I think that hallmark status sends a message from the city to the corporate community that says that Halifax Pride is actually an integral part of our summer," he said.



A participant in the 2007 Halifax Pride parade in downtown Halifax.

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First hospitalization for H1N1 flu in N.S.

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HEALTH Nova Scotia has its first hospitalized case of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, the provincial government announced yesterday.

But the Health Promotion and Protection Department is assuring the public that "the patient is improving."

Maureen Baikie, the province's deputy chief medical officer of health, said yesterday "any case of influenza that requires hospitalization we would consider to be more severe."

But she emphasized the other 76 cases that have

been reported here since the outbreak began April 26 have been mild and no one else has been hospitalized.

Baikie said the first severe case was reported late Monday. But she couldn't say what hospital the patient is staying at or where he or she is from.

"This is a patient who lives in Capital District Health Authority," she said. "We have to be very careful about privacy."

Baikie said when influenza circulates, health professionals expect "that there will be some cases that are more severe than others that require hospitalization."

News in brief

FEEDBACK The public has a chance to provide feedback on three possible urban design plans for the Bedford waterfront tonight. Halifax Regional Municipality and the Waterfront De-

velopment Corporation are asking residents to come out to a presentation that starts at 7 p.m. at Basinview Drive Community School in Bedford.

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What's online today.

Video An unapologetic Stephen Harper stands by minister at the centre of firestorm over isotopes issue at metronews.ca/canada

Blogs From Scrunchies to nylon, style columnist Kenya Hunt laments American Apparel's focus on resurrecting garish '80s fashion

Onboard fire forces plane to land in Halifax

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EMERGENCY An American Airlines flight that was supposed to fly across the Atlantic Ocean last night instead made an emergency landing at Halifax Stanfield International Airport after a fire broke out aboard the plane.

Halifax International Airport Authority spokesman Peter Spurway said all 210

passengers travelling on Flight 64 are fine, although paramedics examined one "young lady."

"We had initially received a report that she was going to hospital but she did not," Spurway said last night. "The passengers right now are in customs, but it will be up to the airline as to what they're going to do with them."

American Airlines representatives could not be reached last night for comment on the misdirected flight, which took off from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City at 5:25 p.m. and was supposed to land in Zurich, Switzerland this morning.

Spurway said a fire in the ceiling fan of a mid-cabin washroom sparked the emergency landing, but he couldn't comment on the seriousness.

He said the unscheduled stop caused a "minor disruption" for other flights.

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Nova Scotians voted in a record 12 female MLAs last night, up from nine in 2006. Nine of the women represent the NDP, two the Liberals and one the Progressive Conservatives. One of the newcomers is the actress Lenore Zann for the NDP in Truro-Bible Hill. **METRO HALIFAX**



Rodney MacDonald held his own riding of Inverness yesterday but his Progressive Conservatives didn't fare as well, placing third while the NDP elected a majority government.

MacDonald's future in doubt after loss

Rodney MacDonald handily won his own seat in the province's 38th general election, but his political future is in question after his Progressive Conservative government went down in a crushing defeat yesterday.

The Mabou Community Hall was much quieter last night than during the last election in June 2006, when the newly minted PC leader led his party to a minority government. That evening saw hundreds of supporters pack the hall, but only about 50 people were on hand last night, although they cheered loudly when MacDonald arrived to speak.

He said no matter how disappointing the results, in a democracy, the people are always right.

"The people have spoken tonight," MacDonald said. "We need to take a look at what they've said and then ... (determine) what we

"The people have spoken tonight. We need to take a look at what they've said ..."

Rodney MacDonald

want to see our party stand for going forward."

MacDonald, 37, wouldn't say whether he'll resign as party leader, explaining he would meet this week with the PC caucus and the president of the provincial PC party to plan the party's rebuilding effort.

"It's going to be time to turn to the next chapter for our party and to make sure we continue to ... be prepared for the next election," MacDonald told reporters.

During his speech, he said his party paid down the province's debt, created a climate for growth and won a Crown share deal with Ottawa. He also thanked his supporters and let the people of Inverness County

know that he got into politics to make life better for them.

He congratulated his successor, Premier Designate Darrell Dexter of the New Democrats, and soon-to-be Official Opposition leader Stephen McNeil of the Liberals. "These are two honourable Nova Scotians who have dedicated themselves to our province."

When the provincial government dissolved, the Tories held 21 seats in the provincial legislature, but last night they finished with only 10 seats, trailing in third place and claiming 25 per cent of the popular vote.

THE CAPE BRETON POST WITH NOTES FROM KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE

McNeil 'pleased' with gains

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Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil was seeing red last night, and that's not a bad thing, since it means his Grits got enough votes to move up from the third place party to become the province's Official Opposition.

In total, the Liberals walked away with 11 seats in the provincial legislature, up from the nine seats they had when the Tory government dissolved last month.

"I'm very pleased with the seats we've gained," McNeil, 44, said over the phone from the Bridgetown Curling Club last night, where he celebrated with supporters.

"We were at a low point in our political history ... and this is moving in the right direction," he said of his party earning 27 per cent of the popular vote. "Our party base is energized and we're going to continue to build on it."

McNeil said he planned to fully enjoy last night's festivities before diving into his new role as opposition party leader.



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil speaks with reporters about the results of last night's provincial election. McNeil's Liberals won 11 seats to edge out the Tories for second place.

"We'll start thinking about that tomorrow," he said, over the noise of excited Liberal revellers, but added his party will continue to lay out "positive, constructive ideas for the problems we face."

During his speech, McNeil said he's also "very proud" to be re-elected as MLA for the Annapolis riding. The Liberals re-elected several other MLAs in northwestern Nova Scotia, including Wayne Gaudet, Harold Theriault Jr. and

Leo Glavine.

Andrew Younger has officially stepped up to provincial politics, winning the Dartmouth East seat. That means he'll soon step down from his position on the HRM council.

"It's a good team," he said when asked about being part of a small Liberal caucus. "The Liberals didn't do as well as we would have liked, but we still did well."

WITH NOTES FROM JON TATTRIE, FOR METRO HALIFAX

Late attack ads don't seem to have hurt NDP at polls

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Late campaign attack ads tying the NDP to unions failed to resonate with voters, election results showed last night.

The Progressive Conservatives and Liberals both tried to use \$45,000 in donations returned by the NDP to the Mainland Nova Scotia Building Trades Council to imply the NDP were beholden to unions.

Dexter was repeatedly hammered over the subject

last week at a leaders' roundtable, but it didn't slow him down from winning a healthy majority.

Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union president Joan Jessome arrived at the NDP victory party last night and shook her head when asked about the attack ads focusing on unions.

"You have no idea how much that disappointed me," she said. "Actually it kind of tore at my principles. Even talking about it now is just ... it really didn't allow us to be who we are,

advocating on behalf of workers and on behalf of public services."

Jessome said she felt like organized labour was being portrayed as organized crime in the attack campaigns. She wouldn't say working with a NDP government would be easier than the Tories, but she did say it will be more amicable.

"At least I feel that I would have an open communication. I could call Premier Darrell Dexter. I never felt like I could call Rodney MacDonald," she said.

Success outside of HRM key to New Democrat win

The NDP picked up a lot of seats outside of the Halifax Regional Municipality in last night's election, helping to give them a comfortable majority.

Some key areas that shifted in the NDP's favour included the South and Eastern Shore and Central Nova Scotia.

Lenore Zann became the first NDP to be elected in Truro-Bible Hill.

"The time for change had come, I think it was a per-

fect storm," Zann said. "I think this shows that people were really ready for a real genuine change." She won with 48 per cent of the vote.

In Cumberland North where former Tory cabinet minister Ernie Fage was running as an independent, Brian Skabar of the NDP took the seat with over 40 per cent of the vote. Fage likely split some of the vote with Progressive Conservative candidate Keith

Hunter, giving Skabar the edge.

Pam Birdsall won for the NDP in Lunenburg with 49 per cent of the vote. The seat is home to the former Finance Minister Michael Baker, a prominent PC member who died three months ago.

Judy Streatch was defeated in her riding of Chester-St. Margaret's by Denise Peterson-Rafuse of the NDP.

COLIN CHISHOLM, FOR METRO HALIFAX

CBC's Nunn hangs up his microphone

Longtime CBC broadcaster Jim Nunn ended his run with the public broadcaster last night with his hosting of the station's election broadcast. It was announced yesterday that starting today Tom Murphy would be his replacement for CBC News: Nova Scotia at Six. Nunn announced his retirement last month. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Younger paints Dartmouth East red

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Andrew Younger painted a bright streak of red onto an orange landscape last night, stealing Dartmouth East from the NDP's Joan Massey.

The soon-to-be-former Halifax regional councillor called his down-to-the-wire win a "surprise."

"I knew it was going to be close, but I was very scared it was going to be close on the other end," he shouted over victory celebrations at his exuberant Main Street headquarters.

Younger, who represents East Dartmouth-The Lakes at the HRM council, orchestrated a stunning turnaround in Dartmouth East. Massey won the seat by almost 1,000 votes in 2006,

"Opposition members can still make a difference. That's what I brought to the table: people know that I'm there to be the voice for them."

Andrew Younger

with Liberal Tracey Devareaux finishing a distant third. Younger finished with 4,073 votes, 170 more than Massey and increasing the Liberal vote by more than 2,000 from the last election.

"Opposition members can still make a difference," he said of being a member of the small official opposition. Grit Keith Colwell held his Preston seat and the Liberals took 11 overall. "That's what I brought to the table: people know that I'm there to be the voice for them."

Younger was the HRM

councillor to make the leap to provincial politics. The NDP's Trevor Zinck was soundly re-elected in Dartmouth North, with councillor Jim Smith coming a distant second. The NDP's Marilyn More took Dartmouth South-Portland Valley and Becky Kent romped to victory in Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

"It's exciting," Kent said after claiming 65 per cent of the vote. Asked if she had her eye on a cabinet seat, Kent smiled. "I'm ready. If (Darrell Dexter) sees that in me, then I'd be happy to do that."



Andrew Younger celebrates his Dartmouth-East victory at his headquarters last night.

NDP nabs five of six Halifax ridings

HILARY BEAUMONT
for Metro Halifax

Just feet from one of five enormous flat-screen televisions, Nova Scotia NDP president Peggy Walsh turned to her companion, former NDP Leader Alexa McDonough, and exclaimed, "We're painting the whole thing orange!"

As the faces of Halifax-area NDP incumbents flashed across the bottom of the screen, McDonough clapped and shouted, "Come on Leonard!"

Not surprisingly, the NDP dipped the peninsula up to its neck in orange paint, winning five of six Halifax-area ridings last night. The party also dominated Halifax-based ridings in 2006 and 2003. This year Halifax NDP candidates also received a higher percentage of the vote across all of these six ridings.

Leonard Preyra wore an orange shirt and a charming smile yesterday after winning his second election in Halifax Citadel-Sable Island. He said he was re-elected because he represented constituents based on local rather than provincial issues. "Halifax Citadel constituency has not returned its MLA since 1993, so it's a great honour to be re-elected in a constituency that takes its politics seriously," he said.

Halifax Chebucto incumbent Howard Epstein won for the fifth time in a row because he earned his constituents' trust, he said.

"Elections are funny — you have to earn people's trust every time," the beaming New Democrat said, resting his glasses on his forehead. "When it's time for a change voters get it into their heads that if you haven't earned their trust, that's a tide the power of which nothing can resist, and we saw that dramatically in Nova Scotia this election."

Halifax voters also re-elected NDP members Michele Raymond, Graham Steele and Maureen MacDonald. The only NDP loss in a Halifax-based riding was Halifax-Clayton Park as Diana Whalen of the Liberals beat out the NDP's Linda Power for a second election in a row.

Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville voters say 'Whynott!'

ALY THOMSON
for Metro Halifax

Mat Whynott and the NDP celebrated a landslide victory in the riding of Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville last night.

Whynott said he has the people of his community to thank.

"The people of Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville ... they're the ones that spoke tonight on change," the 23-year-old said. "They wanted the genuine leadership that Darrell Dexter and the NDP have been talking about."



NDP candidate Mat Whynott celebrates his victory over Liberal Patrick Doyle and incumbent Barry Barnett in the Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville riding yesterday.

Whynott and the NDP won with 50 per cent of

the vote, while Patrick Doyle and the Liberals

came second with 25 per cent support. Barry Barnett, a Progressive Conservative cabinet minister since 2003, was third at 23 per cent.

"I've always respected the choices that the voters make, at the end of the day, you know, this is democracy and sometimes you win and sometimes you lose," Barnett said.

Liberal Kelly Regan reminisced about pregnancy at Brewsters in Bedford after winning the Bedford-Birth Cove riding.

"The final week kind of felt like the last trimester of a pregnancy. And

tonight we gave birth and it was a girl," Regan chuckled.

Regan finished with 44 per cent of the vote, with the NDP's Brian Mosher second at 32 per cent. Tory Cabinet Minister Len Goucher was third at 21 per cent.

In Eastern Shore, another PC cabinet minister fell as Bill Dooks lost to the NDP's Sidney Prest.

In the ridings of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank and Timberlea-Prospect, both NDP incumbents, Percy Paris and Bill Estrabrooks, were victorious again by large margins.

Complete 2009 provincial election results by riding

Full election results by percentage from all 18 ridings in the Halifax Regional Municipality last night.

BEDFORD-BIRCH COVE

- Kelly Regan, Liberal 44%
- Brian Mosher, NDP 32%
- Len Goucher, PC 21%*
- Neil Green, Green 2%

COLE HARBOUR

- Darrell Dexter, NDP 69%*
- Tony Ince, Liberal 18%
- Mike Josey, PC 11%
- Dawna Toews, Green 2%

COLE HARBOUR-EASTERN PASSAGE

- Becky Kent, NDP 65%*
- Lloyd Jackson, PC 16%
- Orest Ulan, Liberal 16%
- Denise Menard, Green 3%

DARTMOUTH EAST

- Andrew Younger, Liberal 45%
- Joan Massey, NDP 43%*

LEGEND

- * = incumbent
- Liberal = LIB
- Progressive Conservative = PC
- New Democratic Party = NDP

- Bert Thompson, PC 10%
- Anna Mukpo, Green 2%

DARTMOUTH NORTH

- Trevor Zink, NDP 57%*
- Jim Smith, Liberal 32%
- David Losey, PC 8%
- Alex Donaldson, Green 3%

DARTMOUTH SOUTH-PORTLAND VALLEY

- Marilyn More, NDP 55%*
- Colin Hebb, Liberal 29%
- George Jordan, PC 14%
- David Croft, Green 3%

EASTERN SHORE

- Sidney Prest, NDP 50%
- Bill Dooks, PC 34%*

- Loretta Day Halleran, Liberal 13%
- Michael Marshall, Green 3%

HALIFAX ATLANTIC

- Michele Raymond, NDP 61%*
- Jim Hoskins, Liberal 24%
- Brian Phillips, PC 11%
- Anthony Rosborough, Green 4%

HALIFAX CHEBUCTO

- Howard Epstein, NDP 56%*
- David Atchison, PC 7%
- Chris Hanlon, Green 4%
- Jane Spurr, Liberal 32%

HALIFAX CITADEL - SABLE ISLAND

- Leonard Preyra, NDP 50%*
- Gerry Walsh, Liberal 33%
- Ted Larsen, PC 13%
- Ryan Watson, Green 4%

HALIFAX CLAYTON PARK

- Diana Whalen, Liberal

- 49%*
- Linda Power, NDP 38%
- Debbie Hum, PC 11%
- Amanda Hester, Green 2%
- Jonathan Dean, Independent 5%

HALIFAX FAIRVIEW

- Graham Steele, NDP 64%*
- Brad Armitage, Liberal 21%
- Paul Henderson, PC 12%
- Jane Hester, Green 3%

HALIFAX NEEDHAM

- Maureen MacDonald, NDP 68%*
- Graham Estabrooks, Liberal 21%
- Jason Cameron, PC 6%
- Kris MacLellan, Green 5%

HAMMONDS PLAINS-UPPER SACKVILLE

- Mat Whynott, NDP 50%
- Patrick Doyle, Liberal 25%
- Barry Barnett, PC 23%*
- Shawn Redmond, Green

2% PRESTON

- Keith Colwell, Liberal 42%*
- Janet Sutcliffe, NDP 29%
- Dwayne Provo, PC 27%
- Sarah Densmore, Green 1%

SACKVILLE-COBEQUID

- Dave Wilson, NDP 65%*
- Scott Hemming, Liberal 20%
- Jessica Alexander, PC 11%
- Ian Charles, Green 2%

TIMBERLEA-PROSPECT

- Bill Estabrooks, NDP 69%*
- Lisa Mullin, Liberal 18%
- Gina Byrne, PC 9%
- Thomas Trappenberg, Green 3%

WAVERLEY-FALL RIVER-BEAVER BANK

- Percy Paris, NDP 54%*
- Bill Horne, Liberal 25%
- Gary Hines, PC 18%
- Damon Loomer, Green 2%

Alberta's government has moderated demands for a direct role in negotiations between Canada and the United States on climate change but it wants the federal government to consult with the provinces before reaching any deal, Alberta's energy minister said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Canada/World

Raït won't apologize

MP feels the heat after 'sexy' remark made public

Lisa Raït has lost a grandmother, grandfather, father and brother to cancer.

But, under fire for privately calling the medical isotope shortage a "sexy" story and a chance to shine in the political limelight unlike a cabinet colleague, the federal minister at the centre of a cancer treatment storm offered no apology to the Commons.

And Prime Minister Stephen Harper made clear he doesn't expect her to.

Instead, Harper defended Raït against criticism from Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff.

Harper said Raït, the minister in charge of the shutdown of a reactor that triggered a looming shortage of isotopes critical to heart and cancer tests, has been "working around the clock" to manage the crisis.



He accused the Liberals of "playing cheap politics" with the issue.

Many cancer patients and families yesterday said Raït should say "sorry" for her insensitive remarks, at the least.

"Truly? I find it offensive that she would play with people's lives in such an offhanded manner," said an Ottawa mother who did not want to be named, but

whose daughter survived Hodgkins. "I absolutely think she should apologize."

Meredith Marks, an Ottawa medical doctor in the midst of her own personal battle with cancer, said she was not put off by the "sexy" remark Raït made.

As a doctor, she said, "we often talk about what's sexy and what's not. Acute care is sexy, rehab is not." But Marks was taken aback by the "selfishness" of Raït's other comments.

"This is a very serious issue. What she should be doing is trying to solve an issue to help the public not to pad her resumé and take credit for something ... and downplaying a colleague."

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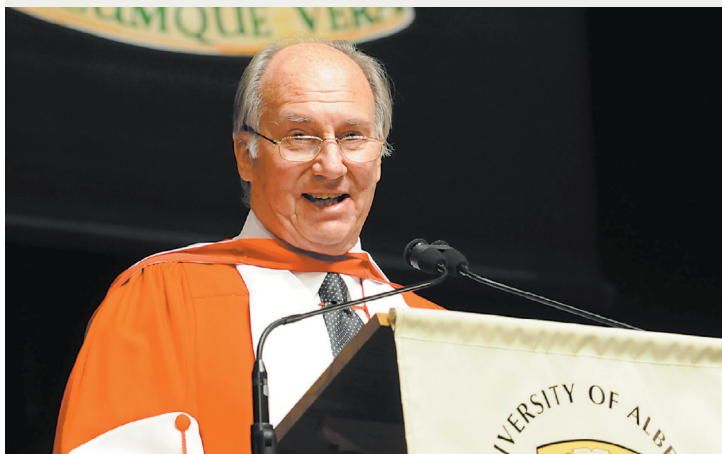
France Grisly child murder trial underway



Veronique Courjault (covered with hood, right) leaves court surrounded by police on the opening day of her trial in France yesterday. Courjault stands accused of the deaths of her three newborn babies between 1999 and 2003. She is said to have stored two of the children's bodies in a freezer while she and her husband lived in South Korea.

STEFAN MAREK/REUTERS

Edmonton Aga Khan visits



His Highness the Aga Khan speaks to University of Alberta graduates yesterday after receiving an honorary doctorate at the Northern Alberta Jubilee in Edmonton as part of the Ismaili Muslim spiritual leader's visit to Canada.

News in brief

CLEARED An official inquiry into allegations that Canadian soldiers abused Afghan detainees has cleared the troops of all wrongdoing, military officials said yesterday. Canada launched the probe in early 2007 after allegations that soldiers had abused three local men after taking them prisoner in April 2006 near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar. Canada currently has around 2,700 soldiers on a mission in Afghanistan that is due to end in 2011. **REUTERS**

Police on metal case

MISSING Police will investigate why the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to (do) a full investigation," junior government minister Rob Merrifield told reporters, declining to say how much was missing.

Media reports say more than \$10 million in gold and other assets are missing. Ottawa acted after it learned that an independent audit of the mint was not going to be able to solve the mystery.

"I have instructed the

mint to call in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to (do) a full investigation," junior government minister Rob Merrifield told reporters, declining to say how much was missing.

Opposition politicians said it showed the Conservatives were hopelessly incompetent. "If they can't even hold on to the gold in the mint, what are they capable of doing?" asked MP Thomas Mulcair. **REUTERS**

Relatives of two U.S. journalists sentenced to 12 years hard labour in North Korea called on the reclusive state to show compassion, while Pyongyang threatened to use nuclear weapons if outside countries invade.

Monday's harsh sentence of the two women by a North Korean court deepened tensions between Pyongyang and Washington triggered by North Korea's nuclear test in May. Efforts by the United States and Japan to expand sanctions to punish North Korea for the test failed to produce a deal yesterday in the UN Security Council, where China

Rising tensions in a nuclear climate

North Korea appeared ready to increase tensions further by preparing for tests of a long-range missile that could reach U.S. territory and mid-range missiles capable of striking anywhere in South Korea and

most of Japan, officials say. U.S. defence secretary Robert Gates said 30 interceptor missiles already in silos or under construction in Alaska and California were "fully adequate" to protect the United States.

and Russia have not wanted to provoke Pyongyang.

"We ask the government of North Korea to show compassion and grant Laura and Euna clemency and allow them to return home to their families," relatives of Laura Ling and Euna Lee said in a statement. The two were arrested in March near

the China-North Korea border while working on a story for Current TV, co-founded by former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. The North convicted them of "grave crimes," saying they illegally entered the country, but details of their arrest, including where they were detained, are sketchy. **REUTERS**

UN worker among dead

BOMBING Militants attacked a hotel popular with foreigners in the Pakistani city of Peshawar with guns and a truck bomb yesterday, killing five people including a UN worker, authorities said.

Taliban militants have stepped up bomb attacks since the military launched an offensive in

April in the former tourist valley of Swat and neighbouring districts northwest of the capital.

Militants shot their way through a security post at the gate of the Pearl Continental Hotel and a suspected suicide bomber set off the truck-bomb in front of the lobby, security officials said. **REUTERS**

Vaccinating boys 'not feasible'

HEALTH Since January of this year, girls in Denmark have been offered free vaccinations against the HPV virus, protecting them against the virus that causes cervical cancer. Now doctors feel that the same vaccination should be offered to boys.

However, Danish authorities do not think that it will pay off to vaccinate the boys.

"The main problem with the HPV virus is that it can eventually cause cervical cancer. So economical analysis show that it is not feasible to vaccinate boys," says Dr. Sigrud Poulsen of the Danish Board of Health.

METRO DENMARK

News in brief

ABORTION The family of a murdered Kansas doctor said yesterday they would not reopen his clinic. George Tiller, 67, was shot and killed in the foyer of his church May 31.

FLU The World Health Organization is close to declaring a

full influenza A (H1N1) pandemic but wants to make sure countries are prepared to prevent panic, an expert said yesterday. Keiji Fukuda voiced concern at the sustained spread of the new strain, also known as swine flu. **REUTERS**

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Shaking the shackles from The Man

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In my ceaseless quest to contribute to Metro's SunnySide initiative (a quest hampered only by my disposition, which is on the cloudy side), I would like to remind you that we celebrated Tax Freedom Day June

6, three days earlier than last year!

How's that for good news?

Tax Freedom Day is a benchmark that had its origins in the U.S., while the Fraser Institute runs the Canadian franchise. The idea is to calculate the first day of the year you're working for yourself, not the government. Between Jan. 1 and June 6, everything you earn goes to the government. After June 6, your own personal posse of bill collectors is free to go after the rest.

It's a little breathtaking to find out that nearly half a year of getting up in the dark, choking down breakfast and battling traffic on the way to a hard day at the ant hill is dedicated to the tax man.

Don't get me wrong. I love paying taxes! The government deploys my meagre stipend with such wisdom! The CRA rocks!

But I'm sure The Man won't mind too much if we celebrate an extra three days of tax freedom. It is, after all, a brief anomaly. You can bet that Jimmy Fla-

Sunny Side

herty's \$50-billion-and-counting deficit will take care of that, and next year's Tax Freedom Day will correspond with the first frost on the pumpkin.

If there is any residual resentment that the government owns you like the wage slave you are until well into June, you should be grateful you don't live in one of those tax-and-spend Scandinavian countries like Sweden, which doesn't loosen its iron grip

on your wallet until summer is half over on July 29.

Of course, we could resent Australia, which starts to enjoy tax freedom on April 22, as if all that sunshine and sand wasn't enough. And Americans start being tax free on April 13, but what do you expect from a country that has "Liberty" in its mission statement?

Here in Canada, we're all about good government, and we make sure the good old government has enough cash on hand to fund important initiatives

such as \$20 million per year for the office of the Queen's Official Seal Taster (a.k.a. the Governor General) or \$10.6 billion (yup, that's billion) so GM can keep making stupid cars (as opposed to Smart Cars) in Ontario.

Come to think of it, the government needs it more than I do: Monsieur Blackburn, go ahead and take the rest. I'll just spend it on food and shelter anyway.

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Word on the street: Should the NHL season be officially over by the end of May?

Tom
Forsythe

age 24, Halifax

A: No, I don't think so. I like hockey. The more of it the better.



Judi
Young

age n/a, Halifax

A: Absolutely it should be over by the end of May. We should be ... more involved in outdoor activities instead of sitting in front of the TV.



Tyrell
Slawter

age 20, Dartmouth

A: No man. Keep 'er going. People like their hockey, so might as well keep it going as long as you can.



Kerri
Guthrie

age 40, Ottawa

A: I think it should be officially over in May. It's a winter sport, and it starts to bump into all the other sports.



Louis
Seta

age 56, Toronto

A: No, I don't think you can have a designated end of season ... Toronto's season is over in April, isn't it?



Rocky
Sinclair

age 49, Edmonton

A: No. Because the playoffs aren't over. It's over when it's over. When you're a hockey fan you watch it as long as you can.



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Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open. This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

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G8 seeking stress tests

International banking system in need of repairs: Flaherty

The Group of Eight leading financial powers have held discussions about encouraging stress tests on European banks, an important step in fixing the international banking system, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that Washington wants European countries to put their banks through more rigorous public stress tests and would raise the idea at the G8 finance ministers meeting in Italy this weekend.

"There already have been ... discussions about encouraging stress testing not only in the American banks but in the European banks, where it has not necessarily occurred," Flaherty told reporters.

"The prime minister (Stephen Harper) and I have been clear at previous meetings, including the (G20) summit in London in the beginning of April, that fixing the banking system is the sine qua non to recovery in the real economies," he said.

"I have been clear at previous meetings ... that fixing the banking system is the sine qua non to recovery."

Jim Flaherty, finance minister

Last month, European Central Bank governing council member Christian Noyer, who is also the head of the Bank of France, said he favoured co-ordinated stress tests in Europe.

Countries within the 27-nation European Union bloc were now convinced of the need to run such tests more consistently and appeared ready to act in a co-ordinated manner, he said.

The results of tests carried out by individual countries in the EU have not been made public so far and there are no plans to reveal the results of a broader stress test by regulators now under way in the bloc.

REUTERS

Business in brief

MOBILE Globative Wireless will pursue a two-brand strategy when it launches later this year, with one of the brands taking the same name as the company's Yak long-distance service, its CEO said yesterday. Anthony Lacavera said a multi-brand approach allows Globative to appeal to a wide range of potential customers — from teens and tweens to small- and medium-sized businesses — with a wide variety of handsets and services.

AUTO In a victory for the Obama administration driving the restructuring of bankrupt Chrysler LLC, the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday denied a request from Indiana pension funds to delay the sale of the automaker to a group led by Italy's Fiat, a union-aligned trust, and the U.S. and Canadian governments. According to a source, Chrysler is aiming to close the sale today.

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Carbon services:

Scotian WindFields Inc. announced Monday the launch of a new company called Scotian Carbon Services, which was formed to help businesses navigate the carbon economy.

Border stumbling block:

The president and CEO of Bay Ferries admits a new rule requiring passports or other secure identification for people crossing the U.S. border is another obstacle the operators of the Cat high-speed ferry will have to contend with.

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Workplace Law

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Workology

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Saving lives at a split-second pace

Head to Toe

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Bringing people back from the brink of death is no small feat, but for Dr. Kashif Pirzada, it's all in a day's work.

Pirzada, 30, is an ER doctor at Brampton Civic Hospital, one of Ontario's busiest emergency rooms. In a setting where most patients arrive having the worst day of their lives, Pirzada does everything in his power to make sure they can leave the ER ready for plenty of better days.

As a child, Pirzada watched doctors with a sense of awe, and decided that he too wanted to help save lives one day.

"I got interested in medicine because of some of the doctors I saw when I was a kid. I thought they were miracle-workers and I wanted to be a miracle-worker," he said.

Pirzada started at Brampton Civic after finishing his long seven-year journey to become a doctor, first with his medical degree at the University of Toronto and followed by a residency at McGill University in Montreal. In just two years as an ER doctor, Pirzada, like many doctors, has already performed his share of miracles.

In one emergency case



Dr. Kashif Pirzada, an emergency room doctor, works at one of the busiest ERs in Ontario.

that has become typical in his work, Pirzada helped resuscitate a clinically dead patient and saw him months later for a minor quibble.

"I told him, 'Good evening Mr. S. When we last met, you were dead. What's this about a toe infection today?' I live for those moments," Pirzada said.

When a split second separates life and death, he says training takes over to make sure every second counts because the responsibility is enormous.

"All of your training and all of your skills, in an instant, can mean the difference between life and death for somebody. The flipside is you have an enormous burden never to miss anything," Pirzada said.

Though the stress and emotional toll of the job can be desensitizing for

some people, Pirzada says it's important never to let yourself become jaded or lose your sense of caring. It's impossible not to be emotionally affected on some level, he says.

"It's really important that you never lose your empathy — when you lose that you can't do your job properly anymore," he said.

Being able to help patients regain their health and their lives is what motivates Pirzada to keep doing his best.

"When you see the positive results of your work — that there are people living longer and better lives because of you, that's very satisfying," Pirzada said.

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Giving back always good for biz

Sunny Side

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

It's expected that, during an economic downturn, businesses must cut back to survive. From slashing salaries to laying off employees, it seems the latest recession has seen companies pulling no punches when it comes to curbing the outflow of cash. But should businesses hold the same defensive dis-

position when it comes to community investing?

Sriram Iyer says no. He's the president and CEO of ICICI Bank Canada, a subsidiary of one of India's largest private sector banks. "In the current economic crisis, being a responsible business is more important than ever," he says. "You can not equate that with numbers and figures."

Before the recession, Iyer says ICICI dedicated one percent of its annual profits to charities and has continued that commitment, despite

the global financial slump that's persisted since late 2008. And even if giving back to the community may seem like a blow after a business sheds staff, Iyer says such conflicts shouldn't debase consistency, when it comes to a company's place in society.

"The long-term success of our bank is tied, in part, to the health and well-being of our society," he says. "We have to value the community beneath us and the community has to believe in our bank."

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Mazda value

Canadian Black Book (CBB) recently presented Mazda Canada with a Best Retained Value award for the Mazda3, auto123.com reports. The award is based on data gathered from four-year-old vehicles, in this case 2005 models.

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Touareg turns greener

Volkswagen mates SUV power with diesel efficiency

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

With the advent of new technologies to handle emissions, diesels are set to make inroads in Canada, offering impressive fuel economy and long range. Volkswagen's newest entry is the 2009 Touareg TDI, which uses VW's Clean Diesel technology to meet strict emissions standards.

It uses a 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel, one of two Touareg engines for 2009, alongside a 3.6-litre V6 gaso-

line engine. The diesel engine is \$4,000 extra, and prices for the TDI range over three trim lines, from \$48,975 to \$62,675. All models are all-wheel-drive.

The diesel gives the expected low-end power, making 225 horsepower and an impressive 406 lb-ft of torque. It doesn't feel quick, but it certainly feels powerful, with good, solid, steady strength available at just about any notch on the throttle. The six-speed automatic transmission is well-mated to the engine and shifts smoothly; the whole driveline is extreme-



ly impressive. The engine is naturally noisier than a gasoline version when you're standing alongside it, although it's certainly not clattery. But inside, it's

hard to tell that you're driving a diesel; the cabin is extremely well-insulated and very quiet.

It's also extremely roomy, with very comfort-

able and supportive seats; I could see riding across Canada in it without feeling the effects on my spine.

On the highway, the Touareg has a well-planted stance, with no suspension noise over bumps. But I don't like the steering feel, which is far too light; it doesn't feel like I'm "talking to the wheels." There needs to be more weight to give the driver confidence.

Diesels are noted for fuel economy, and the Touareg is rated at 11.9/8.0 L/100 km for city and highway (the gas-powered version gets 14.8/10.3). The price of diesel

2009 VW Touareg TDI

Type: Diesel SUV
Price: from \$48,975
Engine: 3L V6 turbodiesel
HP: 225
Torque: 406 lb-ft

Highlights

- Roomy, comfortable interior
- Smooth drive
- Great fuel economy

fuel has also come down recently, but even so, the Touareg TDI's \$4,000 premium is hard to make back.

I don't think Volkswagen is counting on Touareg to be a volume seller, and for some loyal diesel buyers, the extra money that scares off other shoppers is just the cost of membership. There will be an initial 200 diesel Touaregs available when sales launch in June.

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Sound interesting? Be sure to check out the selection of accessories and additions available to help customize your crossover.

If you're into outdoor



A rear-seat DVD entertainment console is a great way to keep the kids occupied during a road trip.

sports, consider a roof-rack or cargo carrier to help haul around any sporting gear your adventures may require. You may even find a ski or snowboard attachment for the roof-rack, allowing more cumbersome items to be left outside the vehicle. A bike-rack may be available to carry your two-wheeled transportation on the vehicle's exterior, too.

Additionally, a bumper

protector and cargo mat will keep paint and carpeting free of damage during loading and unloading of gear or pets. Typically, a little protection goes a long way towards the life of your vehicle's interior and finish.

Mud-flaps are a good investment as well. They can add a sense of ruggedness to your machine's looks while preventing long-term paint and body damage caused by salt and sand spray from the tires.

Of course, upgrading the exterior of your crossover is only part of the equation — so be sure to check out interior trim accents, a hands-free phone system, navigation, or a rear-seat DVD entertainment console.

Depending on the model, you may even find an iPod integration kit available to keep connected to your music collection on the go.

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coolest is LED lighting. LED bulbs are popping up everywhere — from flashlights to Christmas lights — and for good reason; they're vibrant, small, require very little energy, create very little unwanted heat, can be mounted almost anywhere, and never burn out.

Taillights and signal lights are moving to LED technology, for the reasons above, and because they allow for more design creativity — check out the really cool rear-light assemblies of any new Cadillac or BMW.

Lonnie Leigh of Performance Improvements, told me that aftermarket LED taillight assemblies are now available for a wide range of popular models, ranging in price from \$300 to \$600, and is a really neat way of "modernizing" your older ride.

Before we launch into this discussion on fashion accessories for your car, please keep in mind that when it comes to accessorizing "less is always more."

So if you're throwing on, say a medallion around your neck, go for the tasteful, tiny one that matches your earrings, not the big one that looks like a hubcap from a 1959 Buick.

OK, now on to our list of fashionable auto accessories...

One of the newest and



Customized cars wearing coloured wheel rims that match the car's exterior paint job is the latest trend in aftermarket auto accessorizing, columnist Michael Goetz says.

Another LED application is interior lighting — for lighting up the cabin, for accents, for rekindling the spirit of the lava lamp. This type of lighting first showed up on the aftermarket, and is now popping up with regularity in new vehicles.

You can even get ones with selectable colours. This is possible through

fibre optics; LED bulbs light up the fibre optic tube, but shine through a rotating selection of coloured filters.

The runways of Paris might be where we see new fashion ideas spring forth, but Las Vegas is the place where the aftermarket industry showcases its newest wares, at an annual extravaganza organized by

SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association).

Last year, we saw a lot of customized cars wearing coloured wheel rims that matched the car's exterior paint job. Might be an expensive option for most, but just thought I'd pass it along, in case you got several thousands of dollars burning a hole in your

pocket and you've already painted the dog.

Of course, there is the honoured tradition of adding bits to your car, so that it echoes the purposefulness of a high-tech race car, be it spoilers, fender flares, or flames painted on the rear quarter panels.

We'll end this discussion with what might be the perfect fashion accessory for any car — fragrance. Kumho ESCTA DX tires don't smell like "black rubber." Thanks to heat-resistant oils, they smell like lavender, orange, or jasmine. (I'm not making this up. I wish I was making this up.)

Of course the other option is one of those pine tree shaped air fresheners.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Brent Sutter has resigned as the coach of the New Jersey Devils after just two seasons. Sutter cited family reasons in making the decision yesterday, saying the Devils' first-round playoff loss was not a factor in his decision. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sutter quits Devils

Sports

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Penguins force Game 7

(Series tied 3-3)

Detroit 1 Pittsburgh 2



Tyler Kennedy registered the game-winning goal in the third period and added an assist, as the Penguins survived a late flurry to stave off elimination with a 2-1 victory over Detroit in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Finals at Mellon Arena.

Jordan Staal also found the back of the net for Pittsburgh, which forced a decisive Game 7 Friday in the Motor City.

It marks the first time the Cup Finals have gone the distance since 2006, when the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Edmonton Oilers.

Marc-Andre Fleury, pulled in Saturday's 5-0 drubbing, was outstanding between the pipes for the Penguins, making 25 saves, including a break-



Pittsburgh's Jordan Staal celebrates his second-period goal with his Penguins teammates as Detroit goalie Chris Osgood looks on.

away opportunity by Dan Cleary in the dying moments of regulation.

Kris Draper provided the offence for the Red Wings, who will try to

claim their second straight title in front of what is sure to be a raucous crowd at Joe Louis Arena, where they are 11-1 in these playoffs.

Chris Osgood stopped 29 shots in defeat.

The home team has won each of the first six games in this series.

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Relocation has a price tag: Judge

COYOTES A U.S. bankruptcy judge said yesterday that the National Hockey League can probably charge the co-CEO of BlackBerry maker Research In Motion a relocation fee if he moves the bankrupt Phoenix Coyotes team to Hamilton, Ont.

Bankruptcy Judge Redfield Baum said the issue of a potential fee should be settled before deciding on whether the team can be relocated at all. If the fee is too high, the judge said, RIM co-CEO James Balsillie might withdraw his bid and the question would be moot.

Canadian billionaire Balsillie offered to buy the money-losing hockey team for \$212.5 million in May when it filed for bankrupt-

"We believe the judge is extremely well informed, and my hope is he comes to the right conclusion."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

cy protection, on condition it be relocated to Hamilton.

But Balsillie and the Coyotes owner, trucking magnate Jerry Moyes, have been facing off in court with the NHL, which has said it wants to keep the franchise in Phoenix by finding a local buyer.

Balsillie's offer is the only formal one submitted so far, but the NHL has said there are four potential bidders committed to keeping the team in Arizona.

Balsillie's lawyer told the

court the NHL had hinted it could charge as much as \$100 million for the right to relocate the team; an amount he called unreasonable.

The NHL is unlikely to negotiate a relocation fee unless its board, made up of the owners of the league's franchises, approve such a move.

"We believe the judge is extremely well informed, and my hope is he comes to the right conclusion," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman told reporters.

REUTERS

Raptors toughen up after trade

BASKETBALL The Toronto Raptors acquired forward Reggie Evans from the Philadelphia 76ers yesterday in exchange for sharpshooter Jason Kapono.

Evans, a seven-year veteran, averaged 3.3 points and 4.6 rebounds in 14.4 minutes per game last year for Philadelphia. He has career averages of 4.3 points and 6.9 rebounds per game in 514 contests having also played for Denver and the former Seattle franchise.

"Reggie Evans will certainly add an element of toughness to our team," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said. "He has very good rebounding and defensive instincts, addressing two areas where we have underperformed."

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Sports in brief

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Jesse Litsch will undergo season-ending surgery Friday. Manager Cito Gaston made the announcement yesterday before the Jays played the Texas Rangers. The 24-year-

old was placed on the 15-day disabled list Apr. 14 after an MRI revealed a strained right forearm.

DRAFT James Paxton, a left-handed pitcher from Ladner, B.C., was selected 37th overall by the Toronto Blue Jays in yes-

terday's Major League Baseball draft. The Washington Nationals selected Stephen Strasburg, a right-handed pitcher from San Diego State, first overall.

HOCKEY The Manitoba Moose stayed alive last night and forced a sixth game in the

American Hockey League Calder Cup Final. The Moose, trailing the host Hershey Bears 3-1 in the best-of-seven series coming into the game, pulled off a 3-2 victory. Game 6 is Friday.

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Bombers cut former Axman

Former Acadia Axemen receiver Ivan Birungi has been released by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. They had earlier signed the Atlantic University Sport's all-time touchdown leader.

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Leanna MacLean trains in Scottsdale, Ariz., recently.

Going the distance

Former Tiger running mile in nationally televised race

ADAM RICHARDSON
for Metro Halifax



Former Dalhousie Tigers track star Leanna MacLean will accomplish a few firsts on Thursday night.

For starters, she'll run the mile for the first time in her competitive career at the Festival of Excellence at the University of Toronto. In that race, top Olympic competitors from Kenya and the U.S. will provide a stiff challenge for the New Glasgow native.

She'll also get the chance to meet Olympic 100-metre champion Usain Bolt, who is headlining the event and is the closest thing track and field has to a rock star persona.

And to top it off, MacLean will make her live national television debut when her race airs on TSN at 8:30 p.m.

"It will be really exciting ... different," said the 26-year-old, of the race and taking on the one-

mile distance.

"I might be a little out of my league against some of the other women at that distance, so I'll have some fun with it. I might run an amazing race by my standards and finish last."

MacLean, who normally runs the 800 metres, has a little bit of experience at the 1,500-metre distance. But she hasn't put a whole lot of time into training for the mile and said she'll be "winging it a little" at the Festival.

After this race, MacLean will also compete in two 800-metre events in Indianapolis, then prepare for the Canadian senior track championships at the end of the month.

She finished third in the country in the 800-metres last year, and will shoot even higher in 2009.

"This year, I'll be shooting for first place," she said. "That will be my goal from now on when I'm there."

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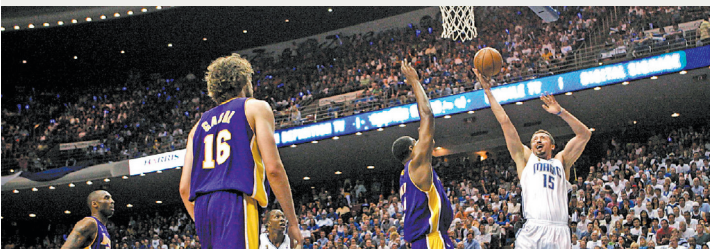
Sports in brief

SOCCER Coaches from Italian soccer club AC Milan will hold camps in Halifax for boys and girls aged seven to 17. The camps will be held July 20 to 24 and July 27 to 31. The coaches will also hold camps in Moncton and Quebec.

HOCKEY Longtime equipment manager Lionel Jackson of Halifax was awarded Hockey Nova Scotia's inaugural award of merit on the weekend. Jackson, 80, met the award criteria of "serving hockey faithfully over many years."

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NBA Magic beat Lakers



Orlando Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu scores as members of the Los Angeles Lakers watch during Game 3 of their NBA Finals basketball game in Orlando last night. The Magic won 106-104. For a full game recap visit metronews.ca/sports.

Jazic cleared to return to pitch

MLS Bedford native Ante Jazic has finally been cleared to return to the lineup of Major League Soccer's top team.

The 33-year-old defender was removed from Chivas USA's disabled list yesterday, clearing him to suit up with the club for the first time all season. He has missed the first 13 games with a concussion sustained in training camp.

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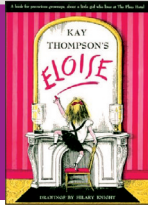


If you want to see the Cirque du Soleil's new show, Ovo, this summer, it's playing in Montreal until July 19; then moves to Quebec City from July 30 to Aug. 23; and finally on to Toronto from Sept. 3 to Oct. 18. See cirquedusoleil.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Live like Eloise

New York City landmark The Plaza Hotel, which recently underwent a \$400-million US renovation, is encouraging guests to channel Eloise, the mischievous six-year-old who took up residence at the hotel in 1955 when the first of Kay Thompson's books was published. The Live Like Eloise package includes overnight accommodations, a Super Duper Sundae from In-Room Dining, Eloise postcards and more, all from \$895 US/night.

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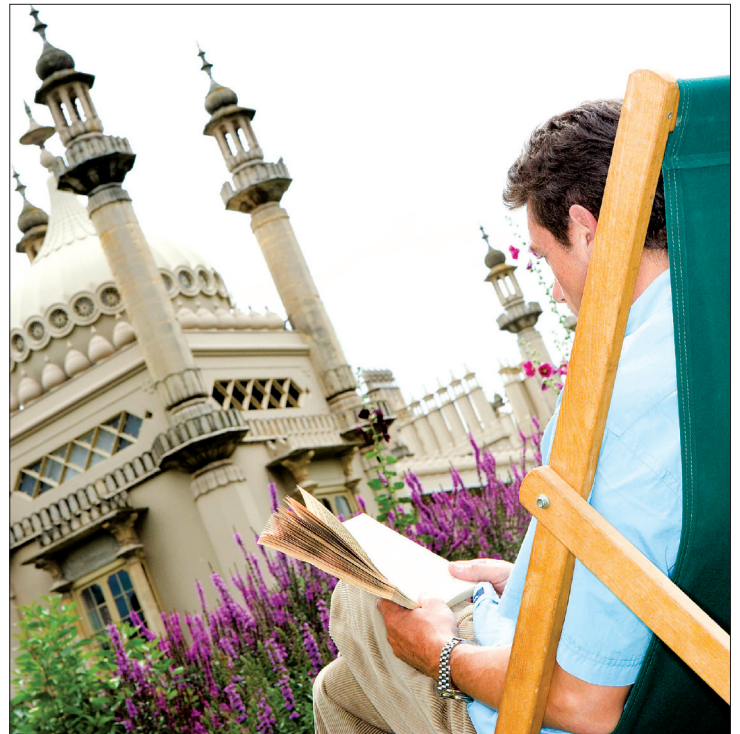
EMMA E. FORREST
for Metro World News

A short train ride from London, Brighton is one of the most vibrant seaside resorts in the UK. With a beach, great shopping, an arts and music scene as well as lively gay and straight nightlife, there's something for everyone.

To kick off a perfect day in Brighton, watch the sun rise from the freestanding bath in your room at the Hotel du Vin, hotelduvin.com/brighton, a stylish boutique hotel that's perfectly placed right in the centre of town.

Have breakfast in the hotel, where you can tuck into smoked salmon and scrambled eggs, or a full English breakfast of sausage, bacon, baked beans, eggs, toast and tea.

Then pay a visit to the outlandish Royal Pavillion, royalpavilion.org.uk, a palace built in 1815 by the scandalous bon vivant King George IV to resemble the Taj Mahal. Check out the lavish interior and pretty gardens, then take a stroll along to the traditional Brighton Pier,



Reading in the garden of Brighton's Royal Pavilion, built to resemble the Taj Mahal.

Good to know

How to get there: There are several trains an hour to Brighton departing from London's London Bridge station. It takes about an hour and fares start at about \$30. By

bus, the trip takes two hours and costs from about \$5.40.

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How to get around: On foot.

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coasters and lose your pennies on the arcade games.

Don't forget to buy a stick of Brighton Rock, a candy stick with your name running through it. For lunch, eat fish and chips at the Regency fish bar, theregencyrestaurant.co.uk, on the pebbly beach, watching braver people going for a swim in the sea.

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If it's chilly, get cosy at the Coach House on Middle Street, [coachhouse-brighton.com](#), a gastropub serving dishes made from local produce.

Then head out to navigate the maze of narrow alleyways that they call the Brighton Lanes — built in the 17th century and now home to antique shops, hip interiors stores, upmarket boutiques and an elegant chocolate shop, Montezuma.

For alternative accessories and vintage clothes hit the 300 or so independent stores on bohemian North Laine.

Watch the sun set on the beach, while enjoying a drink and a traditional pub snack of delicious home-made scotch eggs and pork pies from the Pub du Vin.

If you're feeling energetic, take a walk towards the trendy neighbourhood of Hove, and go for a drink in one of the many nice bars on Western Road, including the Spanish Pintxo People, [pintxopeople.co.uk](#), and the Freemasons pub with its striking gold-tilted frontage.

For a treat, book a table at the Gingerman, one of



A view of Brighton Pier with the beach below.

the best restaurants in town, or its pub, The Ginger Pig, gingerman restaurants.com.

Follow up with drinks in the flashy bar at Myhotel

Brighton, [myhotels.com](#). If you're feeling flush, check into a room in this hip new hotel with its palette of lurid '60s-inspired colours — the top-end rooms here

are like something out of Austin Powers, complete with circular bed, free-standing bath and an up-lit Buddha statue on the balcony.

Crisis prompts global airlines to eye consolidation deal

JOINING UP Airlines around the world are banding together to build scale and tap into growth regions as the global economic crisis shrinks demand for air travel and causes billions of dollars in losses.

Singapore Airlines, the world's leading carrier by market value, is still eyeing acquisitions in China and India, where demand for air travel is seen growing in coming years as consumers start to have more disposable income.

Airplane maker Airbus's sales chief John Leahy told

Reuters at an IATA airlines meeting in Kuala Lumpur on Monday that 2009 would be a tough year for new plane orders. Instead many firms are grappling with a capacity overhang.

"I think more consolidation is definitely a possibility," Leahy said in an interview.

Delta Air Lines swallowed rival Northwest Airlines in October to create the world's largest airline while airlines in Europe went through a spurt of mergers and acquisitions last year.

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Once in a New Moon

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News

After the success of *Twilight* last year, *New Moon* — the latest film in the Stephanie Meyer's book series — is one of this year's most hotly anticipated upcoming movies. Leading the production is director Chris Weitz, who is taking his first stab at the franchise.

Q How does it feel to take over directorial duties of such a successful franchise?

A On the one hand, it's exciting to take over a successful franchise. On the other, it's daunting. There are so many fans who have high expectations for this film,

but it's made easy by the fact that I inherited this amazing cast who are certainly very talented. So half of the time, I'm just overjoyed to be a part of this and the other half, I'm nervous that I'm going to be hunted down and killed by a pack of 14-year-old teenage girls in about a year's time!

Q What was your reaction when you were first offered the job?

A I was surprised because it happened very suddenly, and I had a week and a half to decide whether I was going to do it or not. Then I saw the first film, I saw the case and I thought, 'This is going to be great, actually. Kristen, Rob and Taylor were great' — that's what

More New Moon

- For more of Metro's interview with Chris Weitz, visit metronews.ca/entertainment.
- Read tomorrow's issue of Metro for an interview with actress Kristen Stewart.

convinced me to do it. And I read the book and I thought I saw my way of making a good version of the book. It's really a question of whether I can do justice to the book and to please the readers. That's my job.

Q *Twilight*, the first installment of the series, received some criticism for not being 100 per cent true to the book. Are you addressing some of these issues?

A It's impossible to be completely faithful to every single page of a book because movies don't have enough time. So you end up cutting things and combining things. But I would say that we're definitely using the book as our bible. My take on this film is the film is the book and Stephanie Meyer is my main resource for everything in this. I'm constantly checking with her to see if it's something a character would do or a detail is right. You can never absolutely please everybody but my main attention is to satisfy the fans of the book.

Q You're a very visual director. What's your vision for *New Moon*?



Idol opens up

Adam Lambert says he is gay in the new issue of *Rolling Stone* (on stands today) and has inked a record deal will be working on a debut album expected in the fall.

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Chris Weitz takes over directorial duties for *New Moon*.

A The whole idea is to use the full palette of colours, to have our shadows be very dark and to have our colours be very rich so that we can experience the full range of emotional texture. The idea is that this will look like a Victorian narrative painting in a way with those me-

dieval jewel-like colours as well as very glossy deep blacks, and for the composition of the frames to be classical. In some ways, this is going to be a rather old-fashioned film. There are elements that incorporate the latest technology and there are things that are very dynamic in the action scenes.

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Gary Unmarried

Almost any parent is thrilled to share the "firsts" in his child's life, but leave it to constantly bickering Gary and Allison (Jay Mohr, Paula Marshall) to turn the process into yet another rivalry, as they compete to introduce their children (Ryan Malgarini, Kathryn Newton) to new experiences, including their first concert, first driving lessons and first shave. 9:30 PM on ASN CBS



Primeval

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Tattoo Highway

A Tahitian dancer wants to cover up the Thai words on her back, so Thomas and Tommy suggest a giant koi fish design. Thomas makes a deal to swap tattoo work for engine parts and labor when Monica's hot rod breaks down. After traveling back to Long Beach, Thomas does tattoos for two Marines, one a recent graduate of boot camp and the other a veteran of two tours in Iraq. 11 PM on A&E



For June 9th

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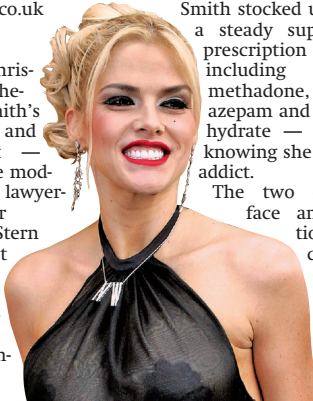
Jon Voight is suing two film investors after he was dragged into a lawsuit over a failed movie deal. The veteran actor was previously named as a defendant in legal papers filed by the pair, whose identities have not been revealed, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Anna's pals face legal drama

ON AND ON The doctor accused of conspiring to illegally prescribe the drugs that led to Anna Nicole Smith's 2007 overdose is facing arrest after failing to show up for a court hearing on Monday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sandeep Kapoor, Kristine Eroshevich — Smith's neighbour and psychiatrist — and the late model's former lawyer-turned-lover Howard K. Stern entered not guilty pleas before Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner



Kristi Lousteau last month. Charges against the trio were filed in March following a two-year investigation by California's Attorney General.

They have been accused of conspiring to keep Smith stocked up with a steady supply of prescription drugs including methadone, clonazepam and chloral hydrate — despite knowing she was an addict.

The two doctors face an additional charge of obtaining a prescription for

opiates by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and prescribing opiates by giving a false name or address.

The Monday court date was issued to determine the preliminary hearing date now set for August, though defence attorneys have filed a motion asking the case be thrown out.

Kapoor's attorney claims a medical emergency involving his client's patient caused him to miss the court appearance. The judge has agreed to hold back on the arrest warrant until 11 a.m. pending his arrival, reported TMZ.com. Kapoor, along with Stern and Eroshevich — who were both present for the hearing — face up to 33 years behind bars if found guilty of all charges.

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Madonna's adoption a go?

GETTING HER WAY Madonna has finally proven that fame can buy you anything, after getting the go-ahead to adopt four-year-old Mercy James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Despite the fact that relatives of Mercy James put up a

fight to keep the child in her home, it seems Madonna has won over the Malawi Supreme Court and a positive ruling to be announced next Sunday should see the singer given permission to adopt four-year-old Mercy James, the website adds.

Apparently, two

out of the three court judges have submitted reports recommending the adoption, while the third is said to be "in complete unison with them," and a source told The Sun: "The paperwork is being typed up now, all recommendations are in favour of the adoption taking place. Mercy should start packing her bags. She's off to America." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Lindsay a-Twitter about Sam

OFF, ON, OFF, ON If anything can be read into a winking emoticon, Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be a couple again — at least in Lohan's view — people.com reports.

"Leaving London but with my favorite favorite!! (sic)" Lohan, 22, wrote on Twitter Monday as she and Ronson were photographed at a London airport together awaiting a flight to Los Angeles.

Further fuelling speculation, Lohan adds: "Great news to share!! Maybe :)"

Lohan, 22, and Ronson, 31, both

have been in the U.K. in recent days but weren't seen spending time together — they stayed at separate hotels — though there was a near-miss last week when Lohan showed up at London's Bungalow 8 club where Ronson

was

spinning — only to have Ronson make a dash for the door, according to the Daily Mail.

Still, a source told People that for weeks now, Lohan has been telling pals she's patched things up with Ronson.

"They haven't started fighting yet, but they are back together as far as Lindsay is concerned," said the source. "Lindsay has been doing so much better and has been giving Sam her space. She is really dedicated to making it work."

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No torture for Heidi

ALAS A rep for Heidi Pratt (who changed her name from Montag after marrying Spencer Pratt) confirms to usmagazine.com exclusively that she was not tortured on the set of I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

Us first reported Pratt was rushed to the hospital Saturday night after she and Spencer spent 14 hours in the spider-filled

while her sister-in-law, Stephanie, posted on Twitter: "I'm really saddened to hear that nbc felt it was ok to punish speidi so harshly and torture them as if they were criminals — that Heidi was ... rushed to the hospital and has an IV in her arm after being locked in a dark room for 3 days w no food or water. Pls pray she will be ok."

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Miley's heart 'in two'

SAYING GOODBYE Miley Cyrus has reportedly split from Justin Gaston, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star and the underwear model — who have been dating since last year — have said their goodbyes.

Giving an indication of how she's

feeling, Cyrus, 16, wrote on Twitter: "My heart is in two... and its all because of you." a song i am starting to write :) (sic).

Meanwhile, Gaston, 21, Twittered: "Haven't been this miserable in a looong time."

Cyrus recently revealed she and Gaston would spend time apart as she films her TV series and goes on tour. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Courtney makes a big, pink mess

CLEANING UP Courtney Love trashed a hotel room with pink dye then left without paying, femalefirst.co.uk alleges. The former Hole singer reportedly fled from the Los Angeles' Chateau Marmont in January after staining her suite with fabric dye.

A source told Life and Style magazine: "At the last minute, she decided she had to dye a load of fabric for her new fashion line before flying to London for the Elle Style Awards. She splashed pink dye everywhere — all over the kitchen and the floors! Once she realized what a mess she'd made, she called hotel staff to clean up after her. They took one look at it and returned with two huge bottles of bleach."

The 44-year-old apparently ran from the hotel while hotel staff attempted to clean up.

Love's rep has yet to comment on the incident.

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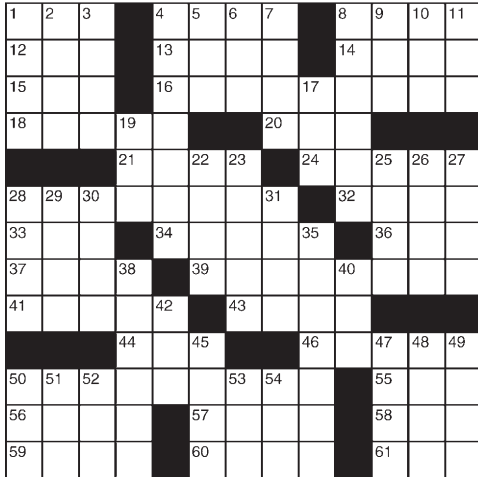
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| 8 Alpha follower | 37 Allen and Conway |
| 12 Sticky stuff | 39 Uncle Sam's claim |
| 13 Radius companion | 41 Use |
| 14 Congregant's cry | 43 Old dagger |
| 15 Branch | 44 Ball prop |
| 16 Classic sitcom | 46 Charlie Brown's sister |
| 18 Opening night | 50 Tony Martin hit |
| 20 Moray, e.g. | 55 Nay undoer |
| 21 Mineral-hardness scale name | 56 Exceptional |
| 24 Buzzing instrument | 57 Stare open-mouthed |
| 28 Simon & Garfunkel song | 58 Aries |
| 32 Carvey or Delany | 59 Culture medium |
| 33 Egg cells | 60 Mongol tent |
| | 61 Trio from Cincinnati? |

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| 1 "Zounds!" | 19 Ms. Thurman | sometimes |
| 2 Drill | 22 Kachina doll | 40 Afternoon get-together |
| 3 Flop on stage | maker | 42 7-Down |
| 4 "The Bachelorette" contestants | 23 Garbage | souvenir |
| 5 Blueprint add-on | 25 Wild and | 45 Nervous |
| 6 "I'll take that as —" | crazy | 47 Muse's instrument |
| 7 Rescue | 26 Aware of | 48 Slender |
| 8 Love song | 27 Waikiki locale | 49 Thanksgiving |
| 9 Outback bird | 28 Greek vowel | veggies |
| 10 Sleuth (Sl.) | 29 Tel — | 50 George's |
| 11 Whatever | 30 One of the | brother |
| number | 31 Zen paradox | 51 Joke |
| 17 "A mouse!" | 35 Israel's legislature | 52 Historic time |
| | 38 Grandma, | 53 Water (Fr.) |
| | | 54 Spring mo. |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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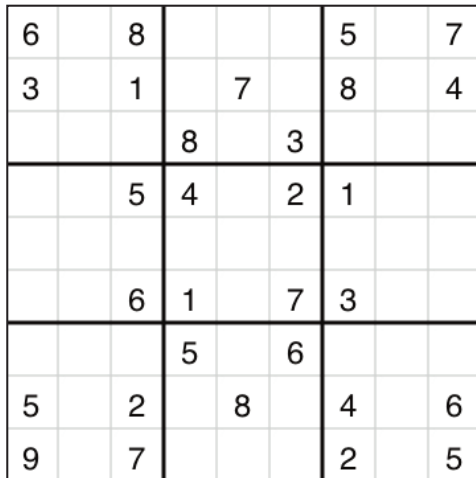
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Beefy Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz (250 g) rotelle or other small pasta shape
- 6 cups (1.5 l) broccoli spears
- 10 oz (300 g) well-trimmed sirloin steak
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) plain fat-free yogourt
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) light mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup basil leaves
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1 lb (500 g) plum tomatoes, quartered
- 1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced

METHOD:

1. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water according to package directions. Add broccoli spears during last 2 minutes of cooking; drain.
2. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Broil steak 4 in. (10 cm) from heat 4 minutes per side for medium

or until done to taste. Transfer steak to cutting board and thinly slice across grain, on diagonal. 3. Combine yogourt, mayonnaise, vinegar, basil and salt in food processor and process until smooth. Transfer dressing to large serving bowl. 4. Add steak and any juices accumulated on cutting board and toss to coat. Add pasta, broccoli, tomatoes and onion to bowl and toss again. (Recipe can be made ahead and refrigerated. Bring back to room temperature before serving.)

SERVES 4



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

It may seem as if others don't care about your plight but what do they really know about your problems? Today you have got to speak up.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

If you know the difference between visualization and wishful thinking you will do well for yourself today. You've got to be practical too.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Some people think you are spending too much time enjoying yourself and not enough time taking care of serious matters. They're just too uptight.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Something you thought was going OK will suffer an unexpected setback today and there may be some confusion as you struggle to work it out.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

With Jupiter, planet of excess, at right angles to your ruler Mercury today you may go over the top and do something outrageous.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

This is going to be a busy day, so pace yourself carefully or you could find yourself out of breath before you are halfway to your goal.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

If you confront what scares you today you will soon realize that it can't hurt you. It's time to get brave. Face up to your fears.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You may have plenty to shout about but be careful you don't go too far and say something that lands you in hot water.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

It may be true that everyone is agreeing with you but are they being honest? According to the planets, there is a real possibility that you are being lied to.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Jupiter in your birth sign does wonders for your confidence but today's rather negative cosmic set-up warns that self-belief is not the be-all and end-all.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

The more someone tries to talk you into investing in their latest big idea the more excuses you should make. Don't be fooled.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

The more a certain individual praises you to the skies the more wary you should be. You can tell that they don't really mean it.

This day in history

- JUNE 10, 1793: The Jardin des Plantes museum opens in Paris. A year later, it becomes the first public zoo.
- JUNE 10, 1925: Inaugural service for the United Church of Canada, a union of Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregationalist churches held in Toronto Arena.
- JUNE 10, 1935: Dr. Robert Smith takes his last drink, and Alcoholics Anonymous is founded in Akron, Ohio, by him and Bill Wilson.
- JUNE 10, 1940: World War II: Canada declares war on Italy.
- JUNE 10, 2003: The Spirit Rover is launched, beginning NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission.

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3. Use a beak to strike a green ogre (1)
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